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**RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION**

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Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	10010186-1 8374
First Named Inventor	Mauze
Application Number	09/848,869
Filing Date	May 4, 2001
Group Art Unit	1634
Examiner Name	Bradley L. Sisson
Title	Electro-Optical Devices and Methods for Hybridization and Detection

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before November 12, 2003. A Petition for a 3-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before February 12, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.